

14 February 1969

**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director**

**SUBJECT: Briefing of Senator Javits**

1. This afternoon Albert ("Pete") Lakeland, Staff Assistant to Senator Javits, told me he had just talked to the Senator on the phone and confirmed your date with the Senator for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, 17 February.
2. Lakeland said the Senator is particularly interested in:
  - a. The real danger of war in the Middle East;
  - b. The political influence of the Palestinian guerrilla organizations in the Arab countries and the likelihood of their gaining political supremacy or ascendancy;
  - c. The prospects for, and possible means of achieving a settlement;
  - d. Soviet political policy in the area.
3. Lakeland commented that the Senator was not particularly interested in the military situation as such.
4. Lakeland confirmed that Senator Javits (now a member of the Foreign Relations Committee) and Senator Cooper have been considering a joint visit to the area to explore possible terms for a settlement and have discussed this with President Nixon.
5. Lakeland also commented that if such a trip materializes Cooper and Javits might want to visit Cairo, Beirut, Amman, as well as Tel Aviv, and Javits would be interested in your views as to the feasibility and hazards of such a visit, and any suggestions as to what leaders they might profitably and properly contact (including leaders of Arab terrorist organizations).

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7. Lakeland is sure the Senator would have no objection to your bringing along an area specialist if you wish.

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